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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Amalfitano et al.

Group: 1633

Serial No.: 09/972,794

Examiner: D. Nguyen

Filed: October 5, 2001

For: DELETED ADENOVIRUS VECTORS AND METHODS OF MAKING
AND ADMINISTERING THE SAME

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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003, it is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants elect the claims of Group II (Claims 1-5, 12-16, 25-43, 59, 67-71, 75-86, 93-98, 105-108, 110-116, 132-133, 146-148, 207-209, and 213-222; reciting 100K region deletions) with traverse on the basis that it would not be an undue burden to examine the claims of Groups I-XII concurrently. In particular, Applicants submit that it would not be an undue burden to examine the claims of Groups II, VII, X and XI concurrently, which all recite deletions in the 100K region.

As discussed with the Examiner by telephone, if the Examiner maintains the present Restriction among the claims, it is respectfully requested that the claims of Group VII, X and XI be examined if the linking claims (Claims 1(b), 17, 105(a) and 207) are found to be free of the art.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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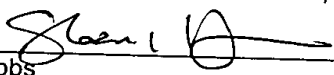


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